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New Phase in War Emphasizes Role of Canada

WIDENING OF WAR THEATRES WILL AFFECT DOMINION

Of Great Significance for Canada in Both Economic and Military Spheres

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC NEEDS

Trade Black-out in Baltic and Northern Europe Affects British Food Supplies

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, April 17th.—Canada's economic effort in support of the Allies has been given a new significance by the events of the last fortnight in Scandinavia. The extension of the war theatre to the North and in particular the unsolved but anxiety-provoking riddle of where Nazi Germany will strike next, have stirred up a new and vital appreciation of the part this country will have to play in its military contribution as well.

Wide Economic Effects

But the speculative element has been removed from the economic effort. With Denmark in German hands, and the trade black-out in the Baltic as far as the outside world is concerned, the export and import trade of both Britain and Canada with all Baltic countries is practically suspended. Export to these countries, including Sweden, is prohibited. Canada's export trade with Denmark, Norway and Sweden has not been very large, consisting of grain to Denmark and in the main of grain and base metals to Norway and Sweden; but the present situation lays on the shoulders of the Canadian producer the task of materially aiding Britain to get necessities which she has been importing from Baltic countries.

Canada's exports to Britain in the first three months of 1940 were about 40 per cent higher than in the same months of 1939. Britain, however, is under war economy. Controllers of the imports of various commodities seem to be restricting still more some imports. Pulp and timber have been imported from Sweden, Norway and Finland, and normally this new situation would mean a considerable increase in Canadian exports to Britain. But the extent of the increase will be regulated by the import controller.

Bacon and Cheese

Already, as despatches have indicated, newspapers have grown smaller in size, to help in restricting the use of newsprint paper. Foodstuffs are not, however, in the same category. These, with munitions of war, represent the primary necessities, and it is quite clear that Canada's exports of bacon and cheese will expand.

Denmark's agricultural industry, de-

From Threatened Sweden

From Sweden, facing hour by hour the threat of Nazi invasion, comes word of the largest growth of co-operation in more than twenty years. The co-operative wholesale did a business of \$67,338,000 last year, an increase of over 17 per cent over the figure for 1938. Co-operative retail sales were \$154,800,000 or 11.5 per cent greater than in 1938. Nazi conquest would write "finis" on a noble and largely successful experiment in economic democracy and bring enslavement of the Swedish people.

LONDON, April 17th.—The only Nazi reinforcements now reaching Norway are those that can be transported by air.

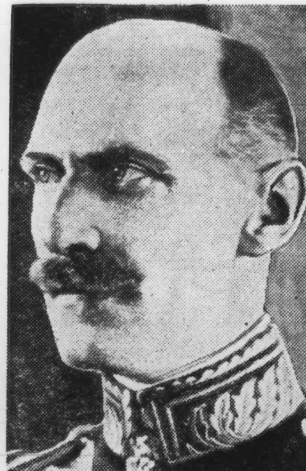
LONDON, April 17th.—Fourteen Norwegian, 6 Swedish, and 7 Danish ships are being detained by the contraband control.

PARIS, April 17th.—French troops are en route to Norway, it is reported here.

Japanese military authorities have opened the Pearl River to foreign navigation. It has been closed since the taking of Canton in October, 1938.

Developed on highly scientific lines, normally shipped nearly 300,000 hundredweight of bacon monthly to Britain, although exports did not reach this figure in 1939. Canada, (Continued on page 13)

Defies Invaders



King Haakon of Norway, harried from place to place by Nazi-bombers who sought his destruction, issued a rousing call to his people to resist the invaders. His whereabouts has recently been kept secret.

British war spendings in Canada in the first year of the war are expected to reach \$445,000,000, says a report from Ottawa.

About twenty Norwegian and Danish ships have already taken refuge in an Eastern Canadian port, many offering their services to the British and French allies.

WILL GIVE BOTH WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SERVICE

U.F.A. Co-operative Takes Important Step to Cope With Expanding Activities

ON ELEVENTH AVENUE

Two-storey Building with Basement Will Be Partly Remodelled to Meet Needs

Carrying out plans which have been laid for several years past, U.F.A. Central Co-operative Board at a meeting held in Calgary last week, authorized the purchase of a building and vacant lots on 11th Avenue in Calgary at the corner of 1st Street East, for the purpose of wholesale storage and retail distribution of farm supplies.

The building is of substantial brick and concrete construction, two stories high on full basement. It was built for the storage and sale of automobiles and trucks and has been occupied by representatives of several of the leading auto manufacturers.

Interior Reconstruction

Reconstruction of the upper floor is being undertaken immediately to house the general offices of the U.F.A. which have been located in Calgary for a quarter of a century. It is expected that the work will be finished by the end of May or early in June.

The retail department will carry a variety of lines of farm supplies, including stationary farm machinery and heavy hardware, lubricating oils, greases, tires, tubes and accessories, batteries, chemicals, poultry supplies, stock and dairy salt, binder-twine, tractor and auto parts, tools, etc.

Parking Space

A rest room for farm women is included in the plans for the ground floor and ample parking space will be assured in connection with the service station on the corner at which Maple Leaf gasolines and oils will be sold.

Sanction to transfer the U.F.A. offices was given at a recent meeting of the U.F.A. Executive, presided over by Robert Gardiner, President. At the meeting of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., all members were present, as follows: Norman F. Priestley, Calgary, chairman; George E. Church, Balzac; J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; Charles A. Fawcett, Consort; D. H. Smith, Cereal.

The Federal Government will direct an intensive search for new oil fields in Alberta, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon states.

Negotiations of the Seamen's Union with owners of Great Lakes transportation companies were reported to be deadlocked late Tuesday. Most of the 285 boats affected are tied up.

Next Theatre of War ?



Living in daily fear of attack, Rumania is taking extraordinary precautions, both military and economic. The Nazis are said to be poised for invasion down the Danube; Italians are being told by local leaders that Italy will soon enter the war on Germany's side and the Italian navy is engaged in "manoeuvres". Russian naval units are reported concentrating near Odessa. There is alarm in Yugoslavia and Hungary. The Near East in which a new theatre of war may be opened up is indicated in the map. In Belgium and Holland the atmosphere is equally tense.

The Study of Flowers and Wild Life

By A. H. BRINKMAN, Craigmyle

What's the good? How that query "gets under my skin". As though life was all a matter of dollars and cents, of pounds, shillings and pence!

Is there an effective answer to the query? I think there is. Some years ago I suggested to Mr. Perren Baker, then Minister of Education, that Friday afternoons from May to September could be spent by the pupils of our schools in the fields, in nature study, with advantage to both pupils and teacher.

Since then, the whole idea of education in Alberta has been altered, and it is now felt that the best results can be obtained by drawing out observation and knowledge from the pupil, rather than by forcing in knowledge, though a certain amount of the latter is necessary, for instance the three R's.

Of Unfailing Delight

As spring, after many delays, will seem to be an appropriate time for the (I hope) be here when this issue of *The Western Farm Leader* comes into the hands of its readers, this would seem to be an appropriate time for the parents of our farm young people, as well as our teachers, to resolve that

MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Every passing day makes clearer the importance of the work of the farmer of Western Canada to the Allied cause.

When the war spread to Scandinavia it meant that Great Britain would depend to a far greater extent than ever before in history on supplies of food from Canada.

With the opening of navigation one of the greatest movements of wheat ever known is under way, with wheat flowing eastwards from western country elevators, and from terminals at the head of the lakes. From eastern Atlantic ports it will be moved overseas, probably in steadily increasing quantities in convoys guarded by the navy from submarine attacks.

This farmers' company with 440 country elevators, and a great terminal elevator at Port Arthur, besides its terminal at Vancouver, is equipped to play its full part in this work, and in making truly effective the war-time efforts of its farmer customers.

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Loot for Nazis

At February 10th, 1940, Denmark had a total hog population of upwards of 3,000,000. Practically all Danish bacon exports have gone to the United Kingdom in the past, although, up to the time of the Nazi occupation, increasing numbers of live hogs and lard had been shipped to Germany. The loss of the British market will undoubtedly mean severe economic loss to Denmark.

for the young people's sake they will, as spring advances into summer and summer into autumn, give some thought to a subject of unfailing delight, which has nothing to do with dollars and cents—important and pressing as we all must find these money matters to be.

Let us see how flower study fits into this scheme of things, and for the purpose of illustration I will take buttercups and cinquefoils (or Potentillas). The first thing one notices is the keen eyes of the youngsters. They are almost certain to find some unexpected things, and the questions will at times puzzle the teacher, even though he or she has had the benefit of a highly trained naturalist at the Calgary Normal school.

The first thing one notices, then, is the young people's increased powers of observation, if properly encouraged.

Buttercups and Cinquefoils

Now take our two groups mentioned above as examples, buttercups and cinquefoils. At first both will seem alike, but gradually they will separate them; especially when aided by a well knowledgeable teacher, the differences are obvious and easily observed. Next, not only will the youngsters be able to separate the buttercups from the cinquefoils, but they will tell you of different buttercups, of different cinquefoils. Their powers of comparison are being developed. All so easy, all so natural; not drudgery, but pleasure.

Then as the nature studies go on, though probably not the first year, another element comes into play. It will be pointed out that the earliest buttercup is different from the next earliest, and that both differ from the later and larger one (I will not burden with names)—differ in their leaves, in the size and color of the flowers, and the most observant will also notice the usual differences in the sort of places where they will be found growing.

The same is true of the cinquefoils. It will soon be noticed that they fall into groups; one, five fingered, so to speak, with five leaflets spread out from the end of the leaf stalk (hence the name cinquefoil) and one with leaflets pinnate (as in many of the pea tribe, with a series of small leaflets on each side of a stalk). And the young people will go further, and notice that the five fingered ones may have very small flowers, or quite large ones; may have the leaflets just cut at the edge, or may have them deeply divided, almost to the stalk of the leaflets, and that the differences in flowers and leaves usually go together.

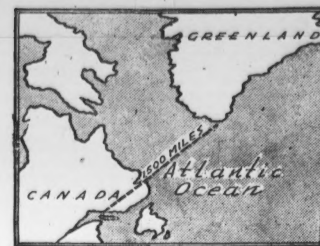
And they will find the same thing with the pinnate leaved group. In some the leaflets are not much cut at the edges, in others they are deeply divided. They will find these differences also connected up with differences in size or color of the flowers—some yellow, some orange, some sulphur; and in some the leaves will be beautifully silky, in others just hairy.

Developing Powers of Observation

Powers of judgment are being developed through comparison, till the youngsters will be able definitely to pick out the different species, and tell you why they are different. What a step already in education—the powers of observation, of comparison, of judgment, developed just naturally and pleasantly!

A few will go further, and will develop the rarer quality of critical judgment, will tell you not only the

May Need Canada's Help



With Denmark under a German "protectorate", the Danish territory of the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland, became potential bases for the Nazis. Britain has taken suitable steps in respect to the first two, but it is not now thought likely that action in Greenland will be needed. Meanwhile, the 17,000 inhabitants of the territory, largely dependent upon Denmark for food supplies, face suffering unless help is forthcoming from Canada or the United States. It is reported that the problem of Greenland may be discussed when Prime Minister Mackenzie King meets President Roosevelt, as he plans to do on his return from a holiday in Virginia.

different species, but will point out how some species vary towards other species, and quite possibly will point out where the handbooks can be improved. (Oh yes, they can be improved all right!)

Fine Basis for Citizenship

Have we not here then a fine basis for citizenship? Observation, comparison, judgment, critical judgment; a whole education in itself produced by one half day a week in the field for three school months a year. Not that it will stop there, for many of the youngsters will make collections to preserve and study, and keep for comparison, and later on, for exchange, as they feel they want to widen their knowledge.

While I speak for flowers, these same powers can be developed in other branches of natural history; in birds, insects, and other groups, but the flowers have the advantage of being found and studied more easily.

And sooner or later it will be noticed how some plants occupy certain soils or situations—some clay, some sand, some sloughs, some woodlands, and so on, and a few of the pupils at least will find out that some plants are so closely connected to the soils, that they will say, "That one grew on clay! That came from a dry field. That came from a draw", or conversely, finding the location, they can tell you what you are likely to find on the location.

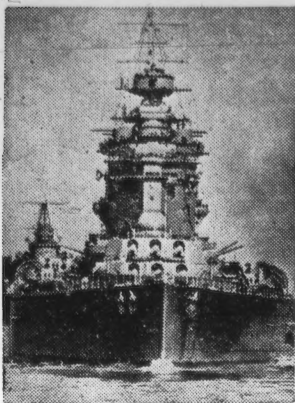
This pleasurable study is best done in the earlier years, even before the teen age. There is no need of high school or university for the study, though it can, possibly will be carried right through—in the latter case to the delight of the Botany Professor, who does not particularly like trying to make silk purses out of sows ears, and may find it difficult to make a naturalist of one who has passed the easiest years for the study.

Beauty in Many Forms

But there is another side, the growth of beauty perception, the love of beauty, beauty in form, in coloring, in mass coloring, in mass foliage; the encouraging of the perception of beauty in other groups, such as a well formed horse or cat, each with its grace of movement. And so many other forms of life, or even of matter, as a sunset on the prairie, or perhaps more beautiful still, if the young people are fortunate enough to see it, sunset on the glaciers of a mountain range. They will have learned that beauty is something more than the appreciation of sex—that will fall into its proper place, as part of the love of beauty, not the whole of it.

Have I not then given an answer to the query, "What's the good?"

Bomb Glanced Off



The modern armor of the battleship H.M.S. *Rodney* proved its near-invincibility to air attack last week, when a heavy German bomb dropped by raiders of Scapa Flow by moonlight glanced off the armor, doing only minor damage. Four officers and three men were injured. The *Rodney's* ability to continue in service was not affected.

I think I have, and we may yet hope our educationalists will see the great advantages of such a course of nature study as a valuable part of education.

There is yet another side. Long after the pleasures of adolescence and early middle age have become blurred memories, the association with like-minded students will bring a continuance of pleasure that will last while life lasts; exchange of specimens, discussions about some of them, often with people one never sees, but whose letters and specimens are always mutually looked forward to, until even at the last, when the "call West" is near, one wants to lie on the porch, watching the beauties of nature that have given so abundant pleasures throughout a life often otherwise filled with disappointments, and the bitterness of failure.

"People's Year Book" For the Current Year Most Useful Volume

The 1940 *People's Year Book*, published by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, England, is a most useful book, well worthy of a place on the shelf beside the earlier volumes.

Of 300 pages, well printed on good quality paper, the book contains, in addition to a complete review of the progress of the British co-operatives during the year 1939, summaries of co-operative activities in all countries of the world, and a directory of co-operative organizations.

There are also articles of more general interest, as the following titles from the index will show: Labour in 1939; Education and Democracy; Social Consequences of War; Essential Statistics; Finance and the War; Middle Europe, Cauldron of Economic War. The writers include many authorities of wide reputation. There is a "Pictorial Review of 1939" with over 30 pages of pictures, including numbers of new buildings and plants erected by co-operative organizations. There is a most useful day-by-day summary of important events in all fields during 1939.

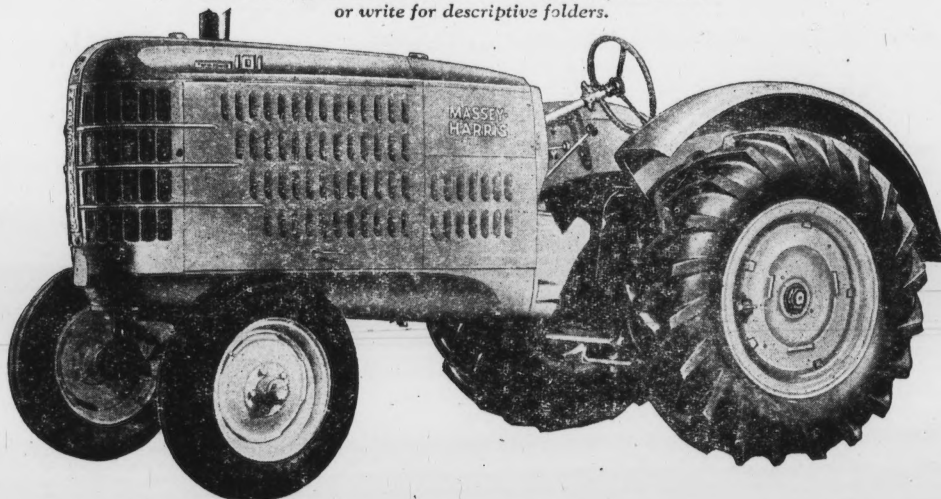
Readers of *The Leader* who are students of co-operation and of public affairs in general will find this book worth far more than the low price the publishers ask for it. In a good cloth binding it can be had, from the address given above, at 3s. 6d., postpaid; and in paper cover, at only 1 shilling, postpaid.

* Captain Starkey, master of a British trawler, was fined \$5,000 recently by an Icelandic court on a charge of fishing within the three mile limit. He has appealed.

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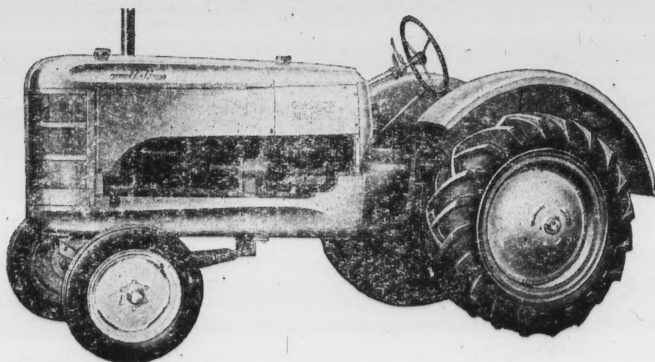
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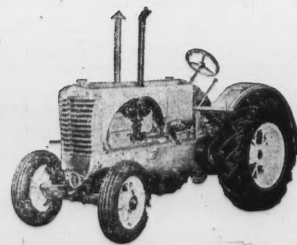
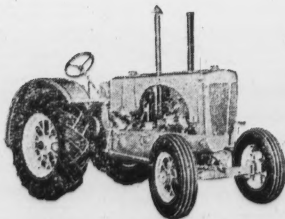
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SCANDINAVIA

Denmark and the Scandinavian peninsula have for many years been the Mecca of co-operators throughout the world.

And not only of practicing co-operators—agricultural and industrial—but of many others who have seen in the growth of co-operation, and in the important and largely successful experiments in public ownership of utilities carried on in Northern Europe, a possible road to economic freedom for all the peoples of the earth. There is room for debate as to how far it might have been possible for these relatively small countries to go in a dominantly capitalist world; but of the very real character of many achievements there has been no question.

Now the Nazi seizure of Denmark, the invasion of Norway, and the menace to Sweden which at any moment may reach the stage of open war, threaten to reduce all that the Scandinavian people have built up—to ruins.

Of one thing there can be no question: Nothing but the final overthrow of the Nazi regime in Germany, however that overthrow may be brought about, can give hope to Europe, or save the peoples of the Americas and the rest of the world who are still politically free from the necessity for concentration upon a program of armament for their own future protection, such as has been known in no past era.

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The agony of the Scandinavian countries may bring some temporary economic benefits to Canada. But if so, they will be only temporary, and but the prelude to a new period of breakdown and distress more disastrous than the last. In the long run Canadians have nothing to gain—and the misfortunes of other peoples are under all circumstances a basis for "prosperity" which we do not desire. And such a foundation for better times must eventually crumble. There can in fact be no lasting prosperity until two things have been accomplished—the defeat of the slave ideology of the Nazis, and the reconstruction of our own economic order. We do not believe that freedom can survive without the establishment of a broad economic equality any more than equality can long exist without political freedom.

And there are values in human society which on occasion men must be prepared to defend.

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For as far back as we can remember, the long unbroken peace enjoyed by the Scandinavian countries has been cited by some of our pacifist friends as an argument against measures for defence being taken even against such savage threats to human values as the Fascist and Nazi states have become. "Denmark," it has been said, in effect, "because she is pacific, has been able to survive in the very midst of warring states. Non-resistance is the key to peace, the most effective weapon against the aggressor." That argument has lost its validity.

Pacifism (if it means non-resistance) is demonstrably not a *practical* policy. It is a doctrine which can only be held today on mystical grounds. Among those who do still retain this creed are many of the finest men of our age. They are few in numbers, and do not constitute a serious threat to the vigorous prosecution of the war. The British, even while they face a struggle of unparalleled intensity, respect their position. We must do so in Canada.

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Years ago we endeavored to understand the case for non-resistance as set forth by Tolstoy and other writers. Almost we were persuaded but not quite. Nor have our friends been able to convince us—though they be among those whose friendship is most highly valued. The sons of German pacifists (who took the extreme position of non-resistance) are today either, like their parents, in concentration camps, or acquiring in the Hitler Youth a view of life which stands at the opposite pole from that of pacifism. The final outcome of non-resistance, if very widely practised, would be, it would seem, the triumph of savagery. It does not appear to us that armed resistance to tyranny must necessarily lead to a similar disaster.

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HITLER'S TERMS

From *Unser Kampf* ("Our Fight") by
Sir Richard Acland, M.P.

I must confess that I cannot myself understand the significance of the campaign which is adequately summed up in the words "Stop the War Now." I hope I have made

"BEST THING WORTH FIGHTING FOR"

H. G. Wells in "The New World Order"

Before anything else . . . in this survey of the way to world order, I put free speech and vigorous publication. It is the best thing worth fighting for. It is the essence of your personal honor. It is your first duty as a world citizen to do what you can for that.

You have not only to resist suppressions, you have to fight your way out of a fog. If you find your bookseller or news-agent failing to distribute any type of publication—even if you are in disagreement with the views of that publication—you should turn the weapon of the boycott upon the offender and find another bookseller or news-agent for everything you read.

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The would-be world citizen should . . . use any advantage his position may give him to check suppression of free speech; and he should accustom himself to challenge nonsense politely but firmly and say fearlessly but as clearly as possible what is in his own mind and to listen as fearlessly to what is said to him. So that he may know better either through reassurance or correction. To get together with other people to argue and discuss, to think and organize and then implement thought is the first duty of every reasonable man.

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This world of ours is going to pieces. It has to be reconstructed and it can only be effectively reconstructed in the light. Only the free, clear open mind can save us, and these difficulties and obstructions on our line of thought are as evil as children putting obstacles on a railway line or scattering nails on an automobile speed track.

This great world debate must go on, and it must go on now. *Now while the guns are still thudding is the time for thought.* . . . So soon as the fighting stops . . . the diplomats and politicians will assemble with an air of profound competence and close the door upon the outer world and resume—Versailles. While the silenced world gapes and waits upon their mysteries.

it clear that I loathe this war and passionately desire its end. But these four words, when spoken to an average audience, convey the meaning, and in fact they mean, "Go and find out on what terms Hitler would agree to stop now." Is that a correct description of what the people who use those words would actually desire this nation to do? Herr Hitler would not agree to stop on any terms which did not leave him master of most of central Europe and free to jockey around with his friends in Italy and Spain in order to create a favorable opportunity for menacing the West all over again. (Whether he wanted to take this course or not, his internal economy would compel him to take it.)

It is said by some that in such a peace the German workers would overthrow Herr Hitler and we ourselves would achieve a change of government. I cannot see it. Surely Herr Hitler would dress himself up as the greatest hero in German history and the illegal opposition would be even more dispirited, if possible, than it was by the Munich agreement. And surely our own people too would be more likely to react, in the immediately following election, in the same way as they reacted to the first news of Munich. I cannot really think that the Russians would hurl themselves at Herr Hitler's still unbeaten military machine in order to save us from the consequences of such a peace, nor do I believe it is possible to persuade the British people to enjoy the situation that would result if they did.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



Interim Wheat Board Payment Urged in Dairy Pool Petition . .

President MacShane in Behalf of Membership Carrying on Mixed Farming in Central Alberta, Urges Prime Minister to Act.

Stressing the urgent need for an interim payment to be made by the Canadian Wheat Board before spring work commences, the following letter to the Prime Minister was sent by President MacShane last week:

Red Deer, Alta., April 8, 1940.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Honourable Sir:

I have the honour to represent, as President, a Producers' Co-operative Association in Central Alberta and on their behalf I am directed to petition your Government as follows:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

To All Members and Shippers
of the
Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Please be advised that the Annual Meeting of our Dairy Pool will be held in

ALIX

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1940
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Honourable Sir:

Our Organization consisting of over forty-five hundred members, carrying on mixed farming in Central Alberta, strongly urge the necessity of paying an interim bonus on all wheat delivered to the Board before Spring work commences.

Yours very truly,
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL.

This request does not come to you simply because other Producer bodies have somewhat similarly petitioned you but rather on account of the need of the Producer and we trust that your Government will make arrangements for this distribution without delay.

Yours very truly,
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL.
George K. MacShane,
President, Board of Directors.

A new life-time record has been set by a Minnesota cow, Princess Lady Geneva Sensation, who produced a total of 167,935 pounds of milk and 6,607 pounds of butterfat.

The loss of Denmark as a source of supply of bacon will not affect the amounts required in the United Kingdom from Canada, at least for some time to come, it is announced from Ottawa. Large stocks are on hand, and refrigerated shipping also presents difficulties.

Said the scientist to the chemist: "Please give me some prepared mon-aceticacidester of salicylic acid." "Do you mean aspirin?" asked the chemist. "That's right! I never can think of that name."

CREAM PRODUCTION

In our last issue we took the opportunity to request our membership not to forget their Plants in times when travelling conditions were unsuitable or impractical for our trucks.

We realize that once we become used to a certain system of handling our produce that it takes a little consideration when a change is forced on us.

Two or three weeks ago, when weather conditions made our roads almost impassable, our various Plants and each member of our Production Department regretted the fact that it was impossible to continue our usual system of pick up for the time being. Accordingly we advised you by various means of this condition. Some two weeks have passed and we felt that you would be anxious to know how we were getting along with road conditions such as they are.

It is a real pleasure to be able to tell you that our various Plants are extremely pleased with your Co-operation at this time. It is true that our production has been somewhat reduced, for we know that some members could not conveniently bring their cream to a station, but in the majority of cases wherever possible, we feel that your cream reached us at Red Deer, Alix or Bowden.

This is another first class example of Co-operation, and we would like to see by one system of delivery or another that every can which formerly came to our Plants will continue to arrive, whether the roads be passable or in their present condition.

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We have this past four weeks received plenty of moisture, and likely it will be appreciated more later on than it is at the present time. Meanwhile our job is to meet these conditions as they presently exist.

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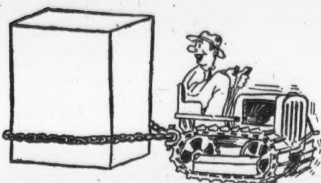
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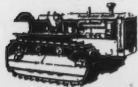
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She—Ridiculous! Of course, you are. Why, he is nothing but a conceited idiot.

The Way of Life Norway Fights to Defend

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

Norway never excited any particular interest in me until I read Sigrid Undset's novels of mediaeval Norwegian life. Her vivid pictures of the life in those days of lords and ladies and peasants (really big farmers and little farmers), painted with a great wealth of fascinatingly interesting detail, gave the whole country a tinge of romantic color. Knut Hamsun's "Growth of the Soil", read later, added interest if not glamor, Hamsun's work being somberly realist.

Of course there are other noted Norwegian writers; I mention those who made the deepest impression on me personally, and roused my interest in the country, and now the events of the past few days give poignancy to every thought of Norway and its people.

Land of Mountains and Fjords

Pictures and descriptions show Norway as a most beautiful country, with its mountains rising out of the sea, and the sea winding in among the mountains in long, deep, tortuous fjords, and cutting off masses of mountain, large and small, into the myriad islands along the long coastlines. Inland the country is still mountainous, rocky crags rising from forested hills, and swift streams and rivers rushing down to the sea.

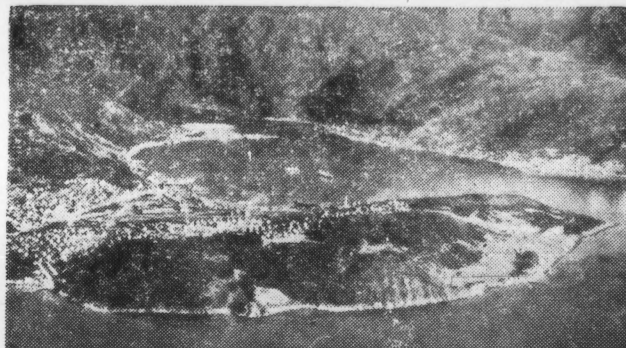
Considerably more than half of the area of Norway is simply bare rock, and of the rest lakes, ice fields and forests cover a large part. The soil in the valleys is poor, much of it sand and clay.

Three Thousand Years of Farming

The building up and carrying on of agriculture in such a country, with such handicaps, would seem an impossible undertaking; and yet during three thousand years farming has been carried on in the country, and, with almost incredible toil, hundreds of thousands of acres have been brought into cultivation. Trees and stumps, stones and boulders have been removed, mostly at a time when human muscles provided the greater part of the energy necessary; soils have been built up by fertilizer, fish by-products and others.

Farming areas, says an article which I came across in *Foreign Agriculture*, official publication of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "are widely scattered and made up of small irregular tracts. The best and most fertile areas are found along rivers, lakes and fjords. A Norwegian farm is located wherever a sufficient amount of soil has collected to produce vegetation. A bit of land may be a relatively level projection on a precipice, a small clearing between boulders, a spot on a side-hill requiring steps for access, or one of the many islands off the coast." North of Oslo there

Narvik Harbor in Days of Peace



"Land of brown heath and craggy wood,
Land of the mountain and the flood."

These lines, sung by a Scottish poet in honor of his homeland, might have described as aptly the rugged realm of Norway. In one of the innumerable fjords of the Norwegian coast lies the picturesque port of Narvik, shown above. Seized by the Nazis in their sudden invasion of the little kingdom of co-operators and democrats, Narvik was recaptured during the week-end by combined Norwegian and British forces after the British navy had sunk all enemy warships and ammunition and other craft (see War Diary on page 8). Strong contingents of British troops have since been landed. Narvik is the port by which the greater part of Sweden's iron ore shipments, the Nazis' main supply, were exported.

is an expanse of some 450 square miles of comparatively level land.

Gulf Stream Mellows Climate

Though the country is in northern latitudes, the Gulf Stream gives Norway a relatively mild climate, and ample moisture, so that apples, pears, plums, cherries and berries can be grown in many districts. Vegetables and hay grow in all parts of the country, far beyond the Arctic Circle. Wheat is grown in the south, rye and oats farther north, and barley ripens, in good seasons, in the most northerly districts.

Dairying is important; dairy products and hides are exported, though grain has to be imported. Sheep, swine and poultry are raised, as well as goats and rabbits, and in the north, reindeer.

The farms are, as one would expect, small, the greater part of not more than ten acres in extent; and nearly all are owned by the farmers who work them. In the smaller, northern farms, work is carried on by hand, much as it was in the days of the Undset novels; farther south horses are used—a small, sturdy breed.

Transportation has always been largely by water, though now roads—often narrow—have been built and in some cases cream is collected, as in this country, by trucks.

The Farm Houses

Farm houses are usually comfortable, built of the timber at hand, on foundations of the rock that is even more plentiful. Some of them, built hundreds of years ago, are still in use, and have the old, hand-made furnishings—heavy long tables and benches, hand-carved cupboards. For the most part, however, modern furniture is in use. Norwegian farmsteads are characterised by cleanliness and order; no doubt the small acreage leaves time for looking after yards and gardens.

While about forty per cent of the total population of less than three millions live on the land, few of them appear to get their entire livelihood from these small farms. Nearly all farms have some woodland, and the sale of timber brings in revenue; fishing is also carried on in conjunction with farming in many cases, and such handicrafts as weaving provide occupation and help the farm family to make ends meet.

They do, however, make ends meet. The standard of living is high; "probably among the highest in the world," says *Foreign Agriculture*. Nowadays most of the farm homes, however isolated in other ways, have radios and telephones. Electric current, thanks to the many mountain streams and development largely under public ownership, is cheap; two-thirds of the farms have electricity and use electrical labor-saving devices.

Well Informed and Alert

Norwegian farm people are in general well informed and alert, interested in public affairs. They are readers. Compulsory education has been in

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James Stuart Duncan, vice-president and general manager of the Massey-Harris Co., who has been appointed associate acting deputy minister of national defence in charge of aviation.

effect for a hundred years; and practically all farm owners have attended one of the many agricultural schools.

Co-operation—and here is another explanation of the high standard of living—is widespread. About 90 per cent of the dairy industry, for example, is co-operative. An even larger percentage of livestock is marketed co-operatively.

Land of Co-operators

Consumers' co-operation, established in 1906, has made great strides; there are 97 retail co-operative stores, with a membership of 169,000, and a trade in 1938 of about \$45,842,000. The central, or wholesale co-operative, in the same year did business of some \$14,000,000, processing tobacco, coffee, soap, flour, and making shoes, electric light globes and margarine. A co-operative bank was organized in 1936 and is showing satisfactory results, according to the last edition of the *People's Year Book* (issued by British Co-operators) and there are life and fire insurance companies.

Together with Swedish, Finnish and Danish co-operatives, the Norwegian societies make—or made—joint purchases through the "Nordisk Andelsforbund," with headquarters in Copenhagen.

The need to use the past tense brings up sharply the present unhappy condition of the Scandinavian countries, particularly Denmark and Norway, on whom the blow of Nazi attack has so recently fallen.

It is a tragic business. The Norwegian farmers have carved out efficient little farms from unpromising materials, and by dint of hard work and intelligent working together secured for themselves and their families as happy a way of life, perhaps, as is enjoyed by any similar body of people in the world. Beauty lies all about them, and comfort and order in their homes. Good citizenship was—again the past tense!—successfully working out national problems. Norway has been about as fine an example of democracy as the world has shown.

Norwegian farmers and Norwegians in general wanted only to be left to themselves; to say they menaced nobody is an under-statement.

And now Norway is in a life-and-death struggle with the Nazi invasion, fighting for its co-operatives, its democracy, its intellectual freedom. That it will succeed, that it will be spared the fate of Czechoslovakia and Poland must be the earnest hope of every friend of a beautiful country and its fine people.

Plans for reorganization of the oil industry, including indemnification of expropriated foreign owners, have been brought forward by President Cardenas of Mexico.

DISCUSSING
TIMELY TOPICS

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Publicity Supt., Alberta Wheat Pool

There is talk in Ottawa that the Federal Government intends to implement the clause in the Canadian Grain Board Act which provides that all wheat must be delivered to the Board. During the present crop year to date the Board accepted only 5,000 bushels from each producer, and each farmer was given the right to sell whenever he chose.

The reason advanced for the change in ideas at Ottawa was the elimination of the Danish market for Canadian wheat and the possible cutting off of the Norwegian market too. The two countries usually take between them about 15 million bushels of Canadian wheat. Probably, the government has the idea too that markets in Belgium and Holland may also disappear, which might well happen if Germany moves through the "Low Countries".

It is also reported that the grain exchange will be kept open. The reason advanced for this is that it will be easier to arrive at prices, and less friction will develop with the Winnipeg exchange operating.

Spring seeding is sure to be late, but the experience of the years seems to show that this matters little when it comes to production. In 1927 only 10 per cent of the wheat acreage in Alberta was seeded on May 1st, yet the yield was 171,286,000 bushels, the largest on record.

In 1933, 10 per cent was seeded by May 1st, yet the yield was 94,500,000 bushels.

In 1936 only five per cent was seeded on May 1st and the yield was the lowest in years, namely 66 million bushels. In 1928 six per cent was seeded on May 1st and the yield was 171 million bushels.

Heavy snowfalls throughout Alberta during April have filled sloughs and swelled creeks and rivers. Everywhere there is jubilation over the additional moisture, and some seem to think that a crop is assured. But April snow was never known to make a crop in the past. Moisture at this time of year will aid, of course, in germinating the sown grain, but if ample rains do not fall in June there will not be a big crop.

It seems difficult to get a good idea of crop conditions in Europe at the present time. From the Danube Basin come reports that winter grains, and particularly wheat, have been seriously damaged. This would suggest that elsewhere in Europe small crops may be expected. A tremendous effort will be made to make up the damage by seeding spring grains, but past experience has shown that most indifferent results follow such practices. If Europe has small crops of wheat, rye, barley and oats, very serious results may develop. What reserves of wheat there are may carry Germany and other inland nations over for a time, but huge quantities of feed grain are needed for livestock. If this is not available the stock must be slaughtered. A bad crop in Europe this year will result in "iron rations" for the populations of many countries, and starvation will be knocking on the doors of millions of people.

Bernarr Macfadden, New York, publisher of *Liberty* and other periodicals, has promised the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to cease misleading advertising of a booklet entitled "Strengthening the Eyes." The Commission found that the claims made in the advertising, that the book contained directions for exercises that would "correct defective vision, overcome near-sightedness, cross-eyes, headache, strain," were false.

Independents elected to the Legislature on March 21st will meet in Edmonton on Saturday to choose a leader and make other plans for the forthcoming session.

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Helping to Arm Aggressors

Granby Consolidated, corporation owning B.C. copper mines, have signed another three-year contract to sell their entire output to Japan, says a Vancouver report. In 1938, the last year for which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics gives figures, Canada shipped \$2,206,020 worth of copper to Japan, and \$5,449,403 to Germany.

The Japanese threat to Canadian and American Pacific fishing waters is very serious, said E. A. Allen, of the International Fisheries Commission in Victoria last week. Joint action of Canada and the U.S. might be necessary to stop "Japanese poaching," he said.

USEFUL PAMPHLET

Containing in a condensed form the findings of 13 surveys of American co-operatives made during the last 25 years, a pamphlet has been issued by the Director of Information and Extension, Farm Credit Administration, Washington, U.S.A., who states that copies will be supplied on request. The pamphlet is entitled "Statistics of Farmers' Marketing and Purchasing Co-operatives, 1938-1939 Marketing Season."

Dr. Robert Newton, who has conducted the division of biology and agriculture of the National Research Council since 1916, is the new Dean of Agriculture of the Alberta University.

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Current News from Near and Far

WAR DIARY

April 4th.—Chamberlain says he is now "ten times as confident of victory" as at beginning of war. Britishers generally approve appointment of Churchill as head of armed services, but little enthusiasm reported for other Cabinet changes. Kingsley Wood is lord privy seal, and head of home policy committee; chancellor of exchequer Simon heads economic policy committee; Hoare is minister of air.

Apr. 5th.—R.A.F. attack Nazi warships near Wilhelmshaven, report some success. Battered Norwegian passenger vessel reaches Oslo, attacked by Nazi bombers eight times in trip from England. Britain calls 25-year-old men to register for military service. *Mauretania* at Honolulu.

Apr. 6th.—Norwegian foreign minister Koht declares that Norwegian neutrality has been impartial and that interference with free shipping in her waters would bring her into the war. Norway's losses during war total 54 ships, 12 sunk by German air or naval forces.

Apr. 8th.—After giving notice, Britain mines three areas in Norwegian territorial waters. Norway protests.

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British submarine torpedoes Nazi transport *Rio de Janeiro* in Skagerrak, 300 German soldiers drowned. Numerous German vessels reported moving north in Kattegat. Sweden adds to defences.

Apr. 9th.—By swift, co-ordinated surprise attack Nazis take Oslo, Norwegian capital, and ports of Narvik, Trondheim, Bergen, Vallo and Christiansand; bomb towns and villages. Half civilian population evacuates Oslo; government moves to village of Hamar, orders mobilization. Britain promises full aid to Norway. Simultaneously with attack on Norway, Nazis move on Denmark, take possession. German battleship *Gneisenau* sunk, says unconfirmed report. Germans demand right to police Danube river, states Belgrade report. Naval battles along Norwegian coast begin.

Apr. 10th.—Air and naval forces engaged in heavy fighting at points from Narvik in north to Kattegat. German losses include cruisers *Bluecher* and *Karlsruhe*, two unnamed cruisers, one destroyer, seven auxiliary vessels at Narvik and two troop transports; in Skagerrak three other destroyers reported burning in Narvik harbor. Two British destroyers, *Hunter* and *Hardy* lost in attack on Narvik, two others damaged, one badly. Unconfirmed reports from Sweden of taking of Norwegian ports from Nazis. Norwegian forces pressed back by Nazis, government moves back to Elverum. Nazis set up puppet government in Oslo, headed by Norwegian Nazi leader Quisling. Halifax says Britain would consider any compromise by Norwegians with Germany as made under duress; reminds of ten-year non-aggression pact signed by Germany with Denmark less than year ago. R.A.F. brings down two Nazi bombers off north-east British coast.

Apr. 11th.—Nearly a dozen Nazi vessels, some very large, have been sunk or captured in naval action off Norwegian coasts, Churchill tells House of Commons; promises all German ships in Skagerrak and Kattegat will be sunk; British destroyers *Glouworm* and *Gurkha* lost; expects Norway to make "prolonged resistance". King Haakon and Norwegian premier refuse recognition Nazi puppet government; arrest ordered of Norwegian commander at Narvik, charged with aiding Nazi invaders; foreign minister Koht declares Norway's alliance with Britain and France against Germany. Nazi cruiser *Emden* reported sunk by Norwegian warship. Reynaud tells Chamber of Deputies German naval losses total one-tenth of fleet, as against four British vessels and no French losses. Britain to occupy Faroe Islands (Danish), says Churchill. Nazi bombers attack Scapa Flow, seven brought down. Danish refugees from Nazi "protection" cross into Sweden. Iceland announces will act independently of Denmark in foreign affairs; Berlin reports agreement with Norway expected; says Norwegian ports taken after bitter fighting. Roosevelt moves to prevent withdrawal from U.S. of funds of Norway or Denmark or their nationals. Croat leader of Fascist party assassinated in Yugoslavia. Russian troops reported gathering near Odessa. Netherlands army on war footing.

Apr. 12th.—British navy lays new mine fields in North Sea, also in Skagerrak and Kattegat. R.A.F. blows up Nazi ammunition ship, says London report. Five planes lost in R.A.F. attack on Christiansand, at least two Nazi fighters brought down; air attack on Stavanger airport wrecks several German planes. Sweden mines coastal waters, declares will refuse any request to allow German troops to cross Swedish territory. Danes report loss of 12 in resistance to German invasion. New York report says Britain and France no longer consider Denmark neutral, and will seize Danish vessels;

Norwegian government withdraws from Elverum, Germans bomb Elverum, Hamar and other towns. Scouting planes active over Western Front. Intense Nazi propaganda reported in Belgrade. Roosevelt asks Red Cross to investigate situation of Greenland with regard to food supplies.

Apr. 13th.—R.A.F. attack German supply bases in Norway, blow up munitions warehouse at Bergen; one plane makes forced landing on sea, others return safely. Norwegian government confirms sinking of 26,000-ton Nazi battleship *Gneisenau* by coastal batteries on Tuesday. German transport *Hagueund* sunk by Norwegian destroyer. London report says total of nineteen German warships have been sunk. Nazis advance in southern Norway. Sweden rushes defence measures. Holland under modified martial law. Italian fleet to start "spring exercises" on Monday. Rumania suspends shipments to Germany. U.S. war department allows sale to Britain and France of fast new Douglas attack bomber.

Apr. 14th.—Admiralty announces British naval squadron sinks seven Nazi destroyers in Narvik fjord.

Apr. 15th.—British announce troops landed at "several points" in Norway. British announce mines laid across entire German Baltic coast. German pocket battleship *Admiral Scheer* "successfully attacked" by torpedo, and two Nazi transports sunk by British submarines, says Admiralty. Gasoline pump believed destroyed in fifth British air raid on German bases in Norway. Norwegians still hold some positions in southern Norway; numbers of refugees cross into Sweden. Stockholm estimates 35,000 German soldiers in Norway, reported transporting men by plane. Quisling puppet government resigns. France assures Norway of support. King Haakon broadcasts appeal to Norwegians to rally to defence of country's freedom. Rumania bans all exports wheat, oil, coal and wood, says Bucharest despatch; controls Danube traffic. Roosevelt condemns Nazi invasion of Denmark and Norway; says American public must be prepared to "meet force with force, if necessary." British to take steps to halt American shipments to Germany via Vladivostok.

Apr. 16th.—British and Norwegian forces have driven Germans towards Swedish border, from Narvik, says Stockholm report. Norwegian high command broadcasts instructions for full co-operation with British and French forces. Norwegian government publishes summary of German demands, made after invasion, calling for complete submission. Canadians form part of expedition prepared for Finland now in Norway with British and French troops. Norwegian railway officials transport German troops to Storlein Highets, east of Trondheim, believing train to carry Norwegian military, says Stockholm report. Nazi planes bomb Norwegian troops. Berlin says King Haakon and Norwegian government in Sweden. Germans have 50,000 men in Norway, according to

NEWS BREVITIES

Total stock sales at the Calgary spring shows were \$127,766, the largest since 1919.

D. M. Duggan, M.L.A., has resigned from the leadership of the Conservative party in Alberta.

Norman Thomas has again been chosen Presidential candidate by the Socialist Party of the U.S.

The Earl of Athlone, new Governor-General, is not expected to be in Canada in time for the opening of Parliament.

The C.P.R. has applied to the board of railway commissioners for permission to abandon the branch line through Langdon, Irricana and Beiseker.

Since it was set up in 1935, the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, through its boards of review, has reduced Alberta farm debts by a total of \$5,634,516, and interest charges by \$437,290.

Introduction by Premier Godbout of a bill to give Quebec women the right to vote in Provincial elections (they have of course had votes in Federal elections by Dominion law) is reported from Quebec.

estimate of London correspondent. Reynaud says third of Nazi navy sunk in battles of past week. Loss of British *Stancliffe*, torpedoed on Friday, announced, 24 dead. British call up men 26 and 27 years old. Rumanian government takes "extraordinary military measures" in all territorial waters; orders underground storage tanks for oil, regulates domestic use. Hundreds of German "tourists" reported in Yugoslavia. Belgium will fight if independence threatened, says foreign minister. U.S. to open diplomatic relations with Iceland as separate country. Anti-British demonstrations in Italy; German military mission visits Rome.

Apr. 17th.—Germans concentrate aeroplanes in southern Norway; German troops take possession railway from Trondheim to Swedish border, push north from Trondheim, according to reports from Stockholm. New British mine fields laid on west Scottish coast, in Clyde area. Loss of British submarine *Thistle* announced, making four during war. Nazi submarine losses believed to total sixty. R.A.F. raid Trondheim aerodrome and seaplane base. Belgium, as well as Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece and Turkey move to expel unusual numbers of foreign "tourists", many Germans. Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Rumania intensify military preparations. German troops reported concentrated on Swiss and Yugoslav borders. Rumania demands French and British oil companies, which have refused ship to Germany, contribute 350,000 tons to government reserve; military oppose proposed concession of long timber lease to Germany. Berlin denies Stockholm report Himmler shot in Copenhagen. German engineer convicted of espionage in Amsterdam, believed responsible heavy Netherlands shipping losses by Nazi attack. British repel German attack on Western front. R.A.F. attacks have practically ruined air base at Stavanger.

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We are satisfied that the information this *News Letter* contains is thoroughly authoritative. In addition to the enlightening discussion of various aspects of the world war situation it makes available valuable statistical material.

Goebbels described *The K-H News Letter* as an organ of the British Government. It is far from being that. It does not hesitate to discuss freely the major problems faced by the Allies, and its repeated demands in past months for the strengthening of the British Cabinet have probably been factors in bringing about some important changes.

The ordinary yearly subscription rate of the *K-H News Letter* is \$3, and of *The Western Farm Leader* \$1. The two, ordinarily costing \$4, may be had through the special clubbing offer at only \$3.00 a year.

Military authorities in Calgary are investigating an attack by about a hundred soldiers on the home of a negro musician, arising out of a dance-hall brawl.

CJ CJ -- The Progressive Station of the West

A broadcasting schedule of 54 hockey games came to a conclusion over CJ CJ when Port Arthur and Calgary headed eastwards to the completion of the Western Canada finals with Calgary winning out. Covering games throughout the Province which took him to all centres in the big seven league, Don MacKay spent a busy winter and then boarded the trains leading to British Columbia and Saskatchewan to keep the hockey fans posted on up-to-the-minute happenings. Finally the CBC network took over to keep the entire sport audience of Western Canada posted on the play-offs so the CJ CJ sports commentator has put his remote equipment away for another year. The long series of broadcasts by CJ CJ made the Albertan station the leader in Canada in giving this service to the Alberta public.

Baseball fans who like to keep posted on what's going on in the big leagues of baseball will be able to carry on with their up-to-the-minute service provided by CJ CJ. The Sportlight Review every night at 6 o'clock will bring a complete resume of the games in both the National and American baseball leagues. This service will carry on throughout the

Don't Fear Trusts in Sweden Now, Leader Informs U.S. Senate

Anders Hedberg Describes Meth- ods of Swedish Co-operatives Before Washington Committee

(Co-op. League News Service)
WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17th—A new aspect of the battle between the Swedish co-operatives and the trusts was revealed here when Anders Hedberg, Secretary for International Questions, of Kooperativa Forbundet, the central organization of the co-operatives in Sweden, testified before the Senate Sub-Committee Hearings on the Norris Bill.

Mr. Hedberg, testifying at the request of the Senate Committee, told how K. F. entered the trustified electric light bulb field and lowered prices of 60 watt bulbs from 37 cents to 22 cents.

Did Not Undercut

"Why did the trusts not undercut the co-operatives?" asked Senator George Norris.

"Because we have 49 diversified departments," said Hedberg, "which include home supplies such as food and clothing and farm supplies such as feed and implements. Closing one department would not seriously affect K.F." One of the key points at issue in regard to the Norris Amendments to the Farm Credit Act is the practicability of co-operatives handling both home and farm supplies. The present act limits the fields of activity of co-operatives borrowing through the Farm Credit Administration.

"If the trust wanted to give their lamps away it would have been O.K. with us," Mr. Hedberg declared. "If

entire baseball season and every morning at 8:35 the morning sport flashes will carry additional news on how the teams stand. For your baseball news remember the sport programs over CJ CJ.

The Old Time Frolic which has been temporarily disrupted by hockey broadcasts of critical play-off games will be back on regular schedule from now on. And not only will the regular periods of time be available but there will be an additional quarter hour added to the program. Instead of 8:45 the program time will be advanced a quarter of an hour and the followers of Ma Trainer and her Hillbillies will be able to dial the program in 15 minutes earlier than the usual time.

Service for Subscribers

Subscribers to *The Western Farm Leader* may submit questions of a legal nature for answer in our Legal Department. The subscription is One Dollar a year. This service does not provide for the answering of inquiries by mail.

WORLD DEBATE

Publication of the remaining clauses in H. G. Wells' draft "Declaration of the Rights of Man," now being debated throughout the world, is unavoidably postponed until our next issue.

The Alberta Aberdeen-Angus Association has for its officers this year C. C. Matthews, Calgary, J. E. M. McCullough, Calgary, Sam Pritchard, Camrose, and H. A. Wilson, Lacombe.

they had wanted to put a dollar in each bulb it would have been all the better. There is no so-called fair trade law in Sweden to prevent price-cutting and no anti-trust law to prevent price-raising.

Financial Independence

"K.F. has grown to financial independence," said Hedberg, "as a general co-operative handling both household and vocational supplies and with both farm and urban members. K.F.'s financial strength has enabled it to assist farm marketing co-operatives in building slaughter houses and farm purchasing co-operatives by buying our super-phosphate and farm implement factories.

"Private factories are not put out of business but are re-established by competition from the co-operatives which lowers prices and increases the market for commodities," Mr. Hedberg replied to a question as to what happened to private business in Sweden.

Asked about labor unions and unemployment, Mr. Hedberg said, "No one speaks about being a union labor man in Sweden. It is simply accepted by everyone. Wage scales are higher in co-operatives. By lowering prices co-operatives have assisted in reducing unemployment."

Buying and Marketing Co-operatives

"What are the relations between purchasing and marketing co-operatives?" asked Senator Norris. In response Hedberg described the joint Milk Marketing Co-operative of Malmo, Sweden, which is controlled equally by milk producers and consumers and fixes prices to both.

The Chairman of the Senate Agricultural and Forestry Committee, Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina, attended the close of the hearing and

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asked Hedberg why Sweden was so much further advanced co-operatively than America. Decrying any attempts to make comparisons between Sweden and America, but pressed for a frank answer, Mr. Hedberg replied, "the main foundation of producer or consumer organization is economic education."

"You are absolutely right," said Senator Smith, "we don't yet know the economic value of co-operation in America."

Editor's Note.—This stirring account of achievement derives poignancy at this moment by reason of the peril of destruction of all that has been done in Sweden towards the creation of a more just economic order, which overhangs that country. It is plain now that nothing but an Allied victory can save Sweden and the rest of Scandinavia from total ruin.



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Dear Farm Women:

In my last letter I wrote about politics. This week I am going to start off about elections.

You may remember that I was urging that all we women try and make intelligent use of our right to vote. Now often I feel very humble and rather ashamed of my letters, for I feel that it must seem a case of "Do as I say and not do as I do."

"Precept and Practice"

I do, however, try to make use of my franchise, though some may question the intelligence of the use. So I think some of you will enjoy the joke when I tell you that I did not vote at either election this time. A wretched cold developed, and although for the first one we did get out the family buffalo coat and etc., and etc., at the last moment wisdom prevailed and I stayed at home. I hoped to make it for the second, but decided on the same course when we saw that the

day was even worse. A high wind was again blowing and again the roads were blocked for cars and again it would mean a trip in the farm sleigh box.

It does seem to me that our premiers, despite their repeated professions of care for our interests, do not give as much consideration to us farm people as they should when, in these northern countries, they call an election in the middle of March when their term of office is not expired.

Going Over the Lists

We were going over the electoral lists, and found it very interesting—interesting and sometimes amusing—to note the names of peoples and places. Although I always say anyone who had the name "Crowe" and who lived in the "Old Barns" school district, as I did, should not smile at any other. To complete the story, at one time I worked in an office in Winnipeg in the "Rookery Building," which was my address.

While I do not know the origin of the second, the first came about because when the English settlers came there were two old barns there which had been left by the French when they were expelled from Nova Scotia in 1755 (the one date in history I remember). No one people and no one age seem to have a monopoly of cruel deeds.

I might say we children had a happy connection with the French settlement. In Grandfather's orchard there were some apple trees, "Old Orchards" we called them; they were from seedlings from some old French apple trees. Their fruit was very small and certainly would have been unrepresentable on the market today, but how we children enjoyed them as we all stopped there on our way home from school and supplied ourselves for the rest of the walk home! And it is amazing how many little apples will go into little "tummies." I often wish every little prairie child could share, as we did, in that legacy from the first French settlers.

Questions the Names Raised

To return to the lists. In them there was such a variety of names—places and of people that many questions rose in one's mind. Does heather grow near the Braes O' Benachnie? Are the lakes of Killarney blue? Was Warwickville in memory of leafy Warwickshire? Would Disraeli like the last election results in Hughenden? Would Bishop Lloyd be pleased with the progress his colony has made or would he wish for still better things for it? And on and on I could go. There were English and Scotch, Irish and Welsh. There were French and German, mid-European and Scandinavian. Did the Britishers come straight from the "Old Country" or had they sojourned in the East for a generation or two? And did the Scandinavians come directly to our Canadian West or by way of Kansas, the Dakotas or Minnesota?

In some communities there were representatives of nearly all these countries. One could not but hope that the people there had learned to respect each other's rights, customs and abilities and had learned to co-operate better than the nations which they represented. If not, what sorry places in which to live! But we are strange creatures. Individually, if we are trying to be good citizens, we do not seize our neighbor's

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Lethbridge U.F.W.A. plan to continue the study, commenced last year, of laws affecting women. They have taken the rug-making course from the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and are also doing sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. A successful dressert bridge (20 tables) helped the finances.

property if we are stronger; we do not inflict physical torture on those who differ from us in opinion, race or religion. Nor do we try to settle our differences by killing each other. But we have not yet learned as nations to play the part of good citizens although nations are made up of citizens like ourselves.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

SPRING FEVER

It takes real good nature to pardon
Bad weather at this time of year.
We want to get out in the garden
And start its new season's career.
We ought to be busy preparing
Our beds for the bulbs and the
seeds,
But forth we can not yet be faring
To do these good deeds!

For grey wisps of snow still are
lying
In patches disgustingly wet.
The time that our gardens are drying
Will see all our schedules upset.
It takes a strong will to be placid
And thoughts are encouraged to
stray
To buying a tank, drugs and acid,
And gardening that way.

However from all hydroponics
Our tastes at the moment recoil,—
We find an assortment of tonics
In dabbling with dirty old soil.
It's later when weeds and mosquitos
And hoeing and beetles and sun
Are rife that the intellect vetoes
A garden as fun!

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Farm Home and Garden

Boston Brown Bread: Mix thoroughly 1 cup each of whole wheat flour, corn meal, and rye meal or ground oat meal with 5 teaspoons baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt; add 1-1/3 cups milk and 3/4 cups molasses, and beat well. Put into greased pans, allowing plenty of room for rising. Steam 3-1/2 hours, and then bake in moderate oven until top is dry.

Scalloped Potatoes with Ham: Slice potatoes thinly, and place in layers in greased baking dish; dredge each layer with flour, sprinkle with pepper and salt; add hot milk to nearly cover. Place slices of ham or bacon over top; bake in moderate oven until potatoes are soft.

Rhubarb Juice: Put rhubarb through food chopper, add an equal quantity of water, and let stand over night. Squeeze through several layers of cheesecloth, bring to the boil and add 3/4 cup sugar to each cup of juice; boil 5 minutes. Use in combination with other fruit juices for acidulated drinks.

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OUR PLACE IN THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

By WILFRED HOPPINS, Past President of the Junior U.F.A.

For many years past we of the Junior U.F.A. worked side by side with the Senior organization, doing what we could to gain an understanding of the Co-operative state and place men in our legislatures who would be

the chicks are comfortably feathered, will result in chilling, pneumonia and a high death toll, warns the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Gladiolus Bulbs should be planted from April 24th to May 10th, in well prepared soil. Remove husks and, in the case of your own last year's stock, break off the old, dried, bulb under the new one. (These can be used several years, though the blooms will be somewhat inferior to those from new stock.) Plant about 3 inches deep, or a little deeper for the larger bulbs, and about 8 inches apart in the rows. Thorough cultivation, and a little watering in dry weather, will be necessary to get the finest flowers. *The Leader* is offering again this year 18 gladiolus bulbs with each new or renewal subscription at One Dollar.

Horse Hill U.F.W.A. is one of those that have contributed to the Junior Dime Fund. They have now twenty-three paid up members, says Mrs. Jean Appleby, secretary.

Members and visitors at the April meeting of Stony Plain U.F.W.A. signed the petition for an interim payment on the 1939 wheat crop, and arranged to circulate it throughout the district, writes Mrs. W. D. Fuhr, secretary.

"Keen interest is shown in activities of our Local," says a letter from Mrs. George Osbaldeston, secretary of Partridge Hill U.F.W.A. Local, "and we have happy times together. We use the programs and are reading the various bulletins prepared by our Conveners. We have a flower fund for sick members and purchase needed articles for our Community Hall. Our present project is to buy curtains for the hall."

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leaders in an educational campaign to establish that envisioned state wherein planned economy would guarantee a higher and more equitable standard of living for the majority of Canadians.

During that period we developed leaders who had the vision of accomplishing this by legislative means. When we decided that it was in the best interests of the organization to cease to function as a political organization, many of these people began to wonder if the U.F.A. would now be in a position to make any contribution to progress, and they lost some of their enthusiasm for the work.

Can Be More Effective Than Ever

My object in writing this letter is to show that our efforts in this direction, both as individuals and as a group, can now be more effective than at any previous time.

No longer are our efforts and those of our leaders under the suspicious regard that is directed to political efforts and politicians. We can now carry on effectively a co-operative educational campaign and know that our membership is genuinely interested and sympathetic to the co-operative ideas. We can know this, because if they were not they would not be members.

The bewilderment that I spoke of has been mainly confined to the Junior Branch, because the older members had given much study and effort to the co-operative branch of our program before we abandoned our political activities. This was not the case with the Junior Branch who were enthused with the idea of establishing the Co-operative Commonwealth by legislation and now have to readjust themselves to the idea of attaining the same ends by different means.

This does not mean, of course, that legislation is not important, as a factor in social betterment, or that as citizens they should not continue, through suitable channels, to press for political change. It does mean that through co-operative effort they can themselves take part every day in the week in practical measures to bring about a new order of society.

Big Task Before Us

One of the big tasks now before the U.F.A. is to formulate a program of co-operative education that will make it possible for every member to understand the principles underlying the co-operative movement and to possess a knowledge of what we can accomplish by working together.

It is only reasonable then that the Junior Branch of the organization, undertaking this job, include in their program the study of co-operation.

Before undertaking this study, however, we must be convinced of the necessity for a change, convinced that the present system of private enterprise is fast becoming inadequate to cope with the problem of distribution. Proof that such is the case lies on every hand. One can not but be amazed at the waste caused by duplication and inefficiency in our distribution system.

One example that we are all concerned with and understand is the wasteful way we have of marketing our wheat. In every little town we have from 3 to 10 men buying grain, where one or possibly two, operating a modern grain handling plant, could do the same work at a fraction of the cost. That is but a small example of the inefficiency of private enterprise. Just think how quickly that situation would be rectified if farmers took up

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seriously and whole-heartedly the co-operative idea.

Space limitations will not permit my going into very much detail in supporting arguments, but it must be obvious that if we can afford to pay these men salaries to do nothing, we could increase their salaries to do something.

What about the electrification of farm homes; building and maintaining highways and innumerable projects that would furnish work for these men who would be displaced by making efficiency the rule in our system of distribution.

Co-operation Returns Personal Liberty

Critics may say that we "get by" now, and if our government would just interest themselves in regulating by legislating some of this inefficiency out of our system, all would be well. This is not so, however—and if you doubt it, look to Europe where governments have taken the initiative in making their industrial machine efficient. The people of what are now the dictator-ruled states had neglected, just the same as we are doing, to make the best of their natural resources and machines, until driven by desperation, they were forced to sacrifice their personal liberty as the price for a promised higher standard of living. No one will say that Germany's industrial machine and distributing facilities are not on an efficient basis now; but the price they had to pay is one that makes us shudder. However, if we neglect to make the necessary changes, we will be forced into much the same position that the people of Germany were.

Let's give a little attention to this business of co-operation. By the arranging of debates and having speakers on the subject, sufficient knowledge can be obtained to interest you in the movement, and once interested you will find a vast amount of material available in libraries and through the Departments of Extension of our Canadian Universities.

Take Active Part in Movement

Study the operation of our various Pools and take active interest in the U.F.A. Central Co-operative. Keep posted on what your organization is doing to build the co-operative movement. It is only by being an active member and patron that you can make your contribution to co-operation.

Above all, remember that the change from capitalism and its inefficiency to the co-operative state and planned economy is not going to be brought about over night. The progress that we make is going to depend on continuity of effort over a long period of years. It can be done. It must be done. The results of failure are very dark. Let us all, as farm young people, put our shoulder to the wheel and boost the Co-operative Movement.

Ranfurly Juniors held a successful dance recently to raise funds for University Week. They have sponsored a Junior Grain Club and the girls had a candy making demonstration.

The Dionne quintuplets have now \$800,000 invested in Government bonds, said Dr. A. R. Dafoe in Philadelphia recently.

A new Junior U.F.A. Local was organized at Ministik recently by Miss Lothian, U.F.W.A. Director. Twelve members signed up, but bad roads kept down the attendance, and it is planned to elect officers at a later meeting.

"Cartier Jolly Juniors" was the name chosen by a new Junior U.F.A. in Boyle district. John Robinson and R. T. Parson are the officers, and E. S. Parson and H. Whidden the supervisors.

While the production of goods and services in the U.S. in 1939 nearly equalled the total for 1929, the national income was \$14,000,000 lower, states a Washington despatch.

With increased business last year of \$21,500,000, the C.N.R. increased its operating expenses by only \$6,790,000. The national railways made the best showing in 1939 since 1930.

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A 20-day training period for non-permanent militia in Alberta is planned for the coming summer.

Students to the number of 123 enrolled in Workers' Educational Association classes in Calgary during the season just closed; 54 studied public speaking, the others psychology, English and economics.

More than 34,000,000 small salmon and trout were distributed by Federal Government fisheries to B.C. and Maritimes fishing waters last year.

Hillanvale U.F.A. Local suffered the loss of their president, John E. Moore, who died suddenly in his 77th year. He had been in the Sounding Lake district for thirty years, and will be much missed.

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World Wheat Situation

The wheat market has exhibited steadiness in the face of conflicting news. While the German occupation of Denmark and part of Norway means that imports by the occupied regions will be cut off and world trade lessened, the spreading of the war is considered as counteracting that "bearish" influence.

Startling Rumanian News

Rather startling news comes from Rumania. The winter wheat there has been so severely damaged according to the report that there will be not a great deal of wheat available for export. Rumania is one of the big exporting nations of the Danube Basin, and this suggests that very serious damage has been done to the crops by the severe weather of the past winter. If this condition extends to other parts of Europe the crop of that continent will be a small one.

In the United States midwest winter wheat region there has been little change in the condition of the crop during the past week. There is no doubt that the outturn will be small, and the question is just how small. The latest government estimate is 416 million bushels for winter wheat. Good weather conditions will improve that total, but if the weather turns bad deterioration will be very rapid.

Navigation officially opened on the Great Lakes on Monday. With huge quantities of wheat already sold to Britain ready to move down the Lakes, the sailors promptly struck for higher wages and shorter hours.

Enormous Canadian Supplies

Canada has an enormous amount of wheat on hand. The bureau of statistics estimated on the 1st of April that the total was 394,262,989 bushels (including 22,288,197 bushels of Canadian wheat in store in the U.S.A.) It is rather remarkable how well the price has been maintained in view of this huge supply.

World shipments of wheat and flour last week were slightly over nine million bushels, of which total Canada provided 2,370,000.

The weather has been backward in Alberta, but drying winds and warmer temperatures have cleared off a lot of snow in the last few days. The season is late throughout the west, but with a week or so of fine weather farmers will be on the land in large numbers.

From 1920 to 1938 American railways increased their freight handlings per employee by 52 per cent. On a basis of revenues, figured on tonnage, the increase was 85 per cent per employee.

What's Doing ? at CFAC

Rural Rhythms

Diana Barrymore, beautiful dark-haired daughter of John Barrymore and Mrs. Harrison Tweed (Michael Strange), now represents the theater's "Royal Family" at the microphone. Eighteen-year-old Diana has been chosen to play socialite Mona Sheldon in the "Big Sister" dramas over Columbia network Mondays through Fridays, CFAC 9:30 to 9:45 a.m., MST.

With such a famous father, it was natural that Miss Barrymore, niece of Ethel and Lionel Barrymore, should carry on the family tradition as an actress and she chose the modern medium of radio. Miss Barrymore studied at a convent in Paris, the Brearly School in New York and other exclusive institutions, and then enrolled at the American Academy of Dramatic Art. Last summer she got an opportunity to become a real professional—working with a stock company at Ogunquit, Me.

The young actress' present role with Alice Frost and Martin Gabel in "Big Sister" is her first regular broad-

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 16th.—There is fair action on the cattle market with prices stronger. Good butcher steers are \$6.50 to \$6.75, common to medium \$5.75 to \$6.25; good light heifers \$6.25 to \$6.75, common to medium and heavies \$5 to \$6; good to choice fed calves \$6.75 to \$7.50; good cows \$4.50 to \$5; canners and cutters \$2.50 to \$3.25; good bulls \$4.25 to \$4.75, common to medium \$3.75 to \$4.25. Good light vealers are \$8 to \$9, common to medium \$5 to \$7; common to good yearling stocker steers \$5 to \$6.25. Hogs are \$8.75 for select, \$8.25 for bacon and \$7.25 for butchers, off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 16th.—The cattle market is active with prices firm. Good to choice fed calves are \$6.75 to \$7.50; good to choice steers \$6.25 to \$6.75, common to medium \$4 to \$6; good to choice heifers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$4 to \$5.75, good to choice cows \$4 to \$4.75, common to medium \$3 to \$3.75; canners and cutters \$2.75 down; bulls \$3 to \$4.65. Better quality stocker and feeder steers are selling at \$5.50 down with heifers \$4.75 down; good light calves \$8 to \$8.50. The hog market is firmer with select \$8.90, bacon \$8.40 and butchers \$7.40, off trucks.

casting assignment. She plays a debutante, and that's a "natural" too, since Miss Barrymore was one of Manhattan's most popular debutantes of last season. Just before her debut, Miss Barrymore arrived for rehearsal with a bandaged hand, having cut a vein when she broke a gold-fish bowl. But she laughed off the injury and went ahead with her part.

Spring is here, and already members of Jack Benny's NBC gang are beginning to figure just how they'll put in their time on their non-professional sidelines during the coming summer vacation.

As matters now stand, when Jack declares his annual 13-week truce with hecklers, Phil Harris will work in his very profitable citrus orchards before he takes his hand on a summer tour. Rochester, already the successful manager of a promising welterweight, William Metcalfe, will spend more time at the gym, supervising his workouts.

Dennis Day will return to New York to look over his concession at Bronx Beach. The business which helped put the young tenor through college is now being managed by

Dairy Market

All butter markets are holding up fairly well, Montreal now quoted at 27-7/8, Toronto 27-1/4 and Vancouver 27-1/2 while local prices are 27c for first grade prints and 24c for special grade butterfat. Due to the fact that English imports from Denmark have been entirely cut off, it is felt that Canadian producers may benefit a little later on if not at the present time. Present happenings in Europe may also help to maintain present levels.

Edson citizens refused to accept the resignation of Danish-born William Wilson as mayor, tendered because his country is now "practically enemy territory." He served with the Allies against Germany in the last war.

The Alberta Government has set up a board, headed by W. D. King, deputy minister of trade and industry, to assist the formation of privately financed building associations under the Building Association Act of the last session. The purpose of the act, said Hon. E. C. Manning on Tuesday, is to encourage the building of moderately priced homes.

While Dr. A. M. Day, Liberal, led by 2 votes in the unofficial count for Acadia Federal constituency over V. Quelch, Social Credit, the result will not be definitely known until after the official count is held April 22nd; and it is believed that in any case a recount will be asked for.

The Red Deer River and its tributary, the Knee Hill creek, began to subside on Tuesday, and many families were able to return to their homes, vacated during the week-end. The Red Deer was at the peak fifteen feet above normal. Some 200 families at Drumheller were made homeless for the time; 100 houses at East Coulee were flooded, 30 at Carbon, and numbers also at Wayne, Parkdale, Lehigh, Rosebud and Newcastle. The Red Cross assisted some of the homeless families at Drumheller, and many were cared for by neighbors.

Dennis' younger brother in his absence. Don Wilson plans to prune his apricot orchard and keep an eye on his kennel, while Andy Devine can always find plenty to do around his Van Nuys Poultry ranch.

Mary Livingstone will see what can be done about raising another crop of prize-winning hyacinths, and Jack, not to be outdone by his hobby-conscious crew, plans to teach Daughter Joanie the violin, if he can find time between scenes in the picture he will make at Paramount with Fred Allen.

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OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

under its agreement with Britain has contracted to ship from 40,000 to 50,000 weekly, or about 200,000 cwt. every month. It is confidently expected with the substantial growth in hog production in this country, that exports will rapidly reach 60,000 to 70,000 cwt. weekly and that in time Canada, with shipments from Eire, the United States and the Netherlands, will supply all the bacon imports of the United Kingdom in wartime. It is expected that Canada will ship from 60 to 70 per cent of Britain's bacon imports.

Depends Upon Quality

Even in wartime the extent of this trade will undoubtedly depend on the maintenance of the quality of Canadian bacon. Denmark's exports to Britain consisted of bacon, butter, milk, eggs, fish and a small quantity of cheese. Canada ships practically no butter to Britain, New Zealand and Australia being important sources of supply, but with British farmers likely turning more of their milk into butter, Canada's cheese exports will probably increase.

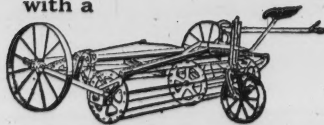
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and this though in substantial quantities, was a small fraction of the total, the blockade of the Baltic did not change greatly the technical wheat situation. Britain did not import wheat or beef from the countries now cut off.

A regrettable feature of the situation as far as world agriculture is concerned is that the occupation of Denmark is almost certain to prove a crushing blow to that small country's agricultural industry. Much of the feed for its animals was imported by sea and this is now stopped. Oil cake, for example, cannot be supplied from Germany. The demand for food for the German war juggernaut will undoubtedly deplete the herds.

Restrictive Regulations

In spite of the recent growth in Canada's general export trade, the restrictions placed on it by war will likely hamper its growth in the immediate future. There are not only the cutting off of trade with several countries, and the licensing of exports to countries contiguous to Germany to prevent contraband reaching the enemy, but there are the measures which have had to be taken by Allied countries, including Britain and the Dominions, under their system of war economy. Quota regulations for certain commodities imported from Canada have been put into effect in Australia and New Zealand, with the object of strengthening their currency and conserving their resources in foreign exchange.

On the other hand the position of Canada as a source of supply for essential foodstuffs and war equipment is becoming more clearly defined.

New Ministry Created

It is this, in addition to the growing demands of Canada's own war effort, that has led to the establishment of a new portfolio in the Federal Cabinet, of Munitions and Supplies. Trade with the United States at the same time has substantially expanded on both export and import side, and while the unfavorable balance of trade, if we do not include gold among the exports, has become more pronounced, an analysis of imports shows that most of the increase is in the shape of war raw materials for our manufactures and war needs.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, is at this time taking a short rest from his labors in Virginia. He will return by way of Washington where he will call on the President of the United States and on Mr. Cordell Hull. It will be a friendly call. As he explained before leaving Ottawa, the policy of the Canadian Government is to refrain from any attempt to influence the United States' attitude towards the war.

It goes without saying that the new session opening on May 16th will be a momentous one. Parliament will meet and will be directing Canada's part in the war while the world is shaking with its convulsions. Mr. Rogers, Minister of National Defence, will be back from Britain, and will have first hand information of where Canada's contribution can be most effectively centred. The Minister of Finance will bring down a budget covering probably a billion dollar annual expense, at least double peace time governmental expenditures.

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Peavine, in Lac Ste. Anne constituency, reorganized. J. W. Dixon is president and Mrs. E. Reddish secretary.

Arbutus, in the Rocky Mountain House district, organized by Ronald Pye. J. A. Phillips was elected president and Duncan Cunningham secretary.

George Lake, near Meanook, in Athabasca constituency, with Joe Moreau president and Joe C. Zasburg secretary. Organized by William Runte.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

There appears to be "something rotten in the State of Denmark." Yep, Herr Hitler and his gang.

It is reported that hydrophobia has made its appearance in several parts of Germany. Gosh! the Feuhrer must be running around biting people.

Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, describes Hitler as a "homoidal maniac." 'Stoo lad, but then these British ministers always were too mild in their language.

New York doctor is of the opinion that 90 per cent of the divorces are caused by flat feet. And the other 10 per cent by high steppers, we suppose.

But, perhaps the good doctor is referring only to those husbands who get caught flat-footed.

CAN YOU BEAT IT

When we told Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, that a guy down East has been sent to jail for sedition, she replied, "Well, why didn't he marry the gal?"

Mrs. Mary Oswald of Enfield, England, left \$1,000 to a man named Mallet, "who wound my clocks for many years." Ah well, now he can have a good time.

Paradoxical as it may sound, most radio news commentators do a lot of talking when they have nothing to say.

KNOTTY PULLS A BONER

Knotty Frankie is all hot and bothered because his latest girl friend told him the other night that she never wanted to see his face again. Heck, Frankie, you are slow. You should just have turned out the light!

Women are much more thoughtful than men, declares a London writer. Oh, yes, snorts Wally, our incurable bach, they're so thoughtful they never let a husband forget his mistakes.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, snickers the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, bald headed men always come out on top.

EFFICIENCY EXPERT

Then there's the disappointed spinster who opened her hope chest and started up a lingerie store.

According to a Vancouver writer, married women live longer than single ones. And that, opines Crusty Bill, may be just another argument why men should remain bachelors.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"An epigram is a witty saying engraved on a tombstone."

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AUTO EPITAPHS

'Twas beer that caused his Bier
they say,
Or was it gin and stout
That made him light inside his
head
Just as his lights went out?

Chicago magistrate told a Septuagenarian, charged with disorderly conduct, to "act his age." Heck, what's the good of telling that to a guy in his second childhood?

THE SONG OF THE SEA

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song,
As the crystal waves break each
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Or, rippling music, dance along
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But oft in the murk and gloom of
night,
The song is changed, and the danc-
ing waves
Sigh as they rise and sink from sight,
Lost in a swirl of foaming white,
Over unnumbered graves.

Oh, what is the sound as the waters
drift,
That comes from the depths where
the dead sleep sure?
Do the immortal shades uplift
A song to freedom—their priceless
gift
For us to hold secure?

If so, then rest, ye loved and mighty
dead;
The path you trod is still the path we
tread.
Our graves are sacred, and though
yours the sea,
For that alone your sons would keep
it free;
And despot hosts against fair Free-
dom hurled
Must conquer first an empire of the
world.

"Normal Teacher Defeats Mayor,"—headline. However, we'll bet the mayor regards him as an abnormal teacher.

OH, THESE WOMEN

At Willesden a woman told the magistrate that she wanted an order against her husband because he refused to come back after she had told him to go away and stay there.

Cable dispatch tells of a guy in Bulgaria becoming a father for the 16th time on his eightieth birthday. Now who says "youth must be served?"

And would it be correct to refer to that guy as the "Daddy of them all?"

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

In the sea of matrimony it's the girl who anchors to the boy.

ALL CLEAR!

SPORT

Hockey enthusiasm has reached a new high in the Foothills City and no wonder! It's the first time that a Calgary team has had the opportunity of playing in the Allan Cup final. Eight years ago when the Calgary Bronks had D. P. MacDonald in goal along with Fred Herget, Dave Schriener and other now-famous pucksters, they reached the semi-finals but were stopped there by Fort William. Incidentally, Harry Walslaw, now manager of the Calgary club, was one of the outstanding Bronk players in that 1932 effort, and is the only one to make both trips.

However, 1940, we hope, is bigger and better. The convincing manner in which the Stampedeers put aside Trail and then polished off the 1939 Allan Cup Holders, Port Arthur Bearcats, has, up to now, left no doubt as to their superiority. Some Cowboy boosters felt very surprised and of course equally pleased when their pets sidedracked Trail, commenting that they would never get past Port Arthur but that they had done very well anyway this year. Now they are actually going to meet the East for that coveted silver mug. They may have thought they had some tough fights up to this point, but they're really up against something when they match sticks with these Kirkland Lake Blue Devils. They have a smart lot of classy disc chasers but then so have Calgary and I've a nice little spot all fixed up for the Allan Cup this year, a band is now very busily practicing the welcome home and my next month's meals depend on a certain jug, so come on, Stampedeers!

Allan Cup or no, Marty Burke, Calgary's Boss, is certainly deserving of a few bouquets. Granted he had good material but he has taught the Club a hat full of new tricks and has his boys in exceptional physical condition. His method of coaching is not "Do as I say" but "Do as I do", for he is out there with them at every practice showing how he wants a certain play handled, etc., and incidentally, Marty can put on an A-1 display himself when he starts juggling the old rubber at the end of his shillalah.

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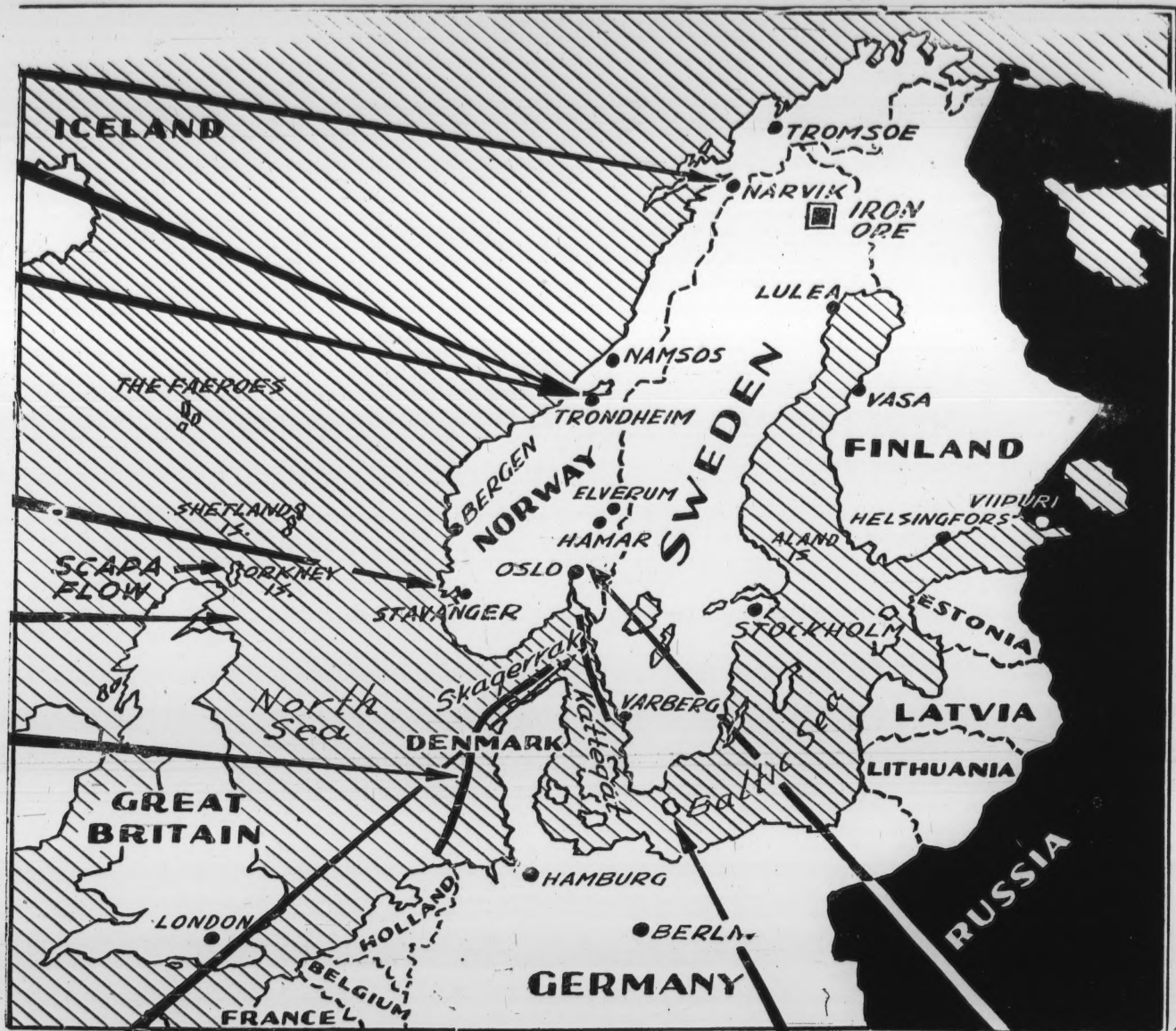
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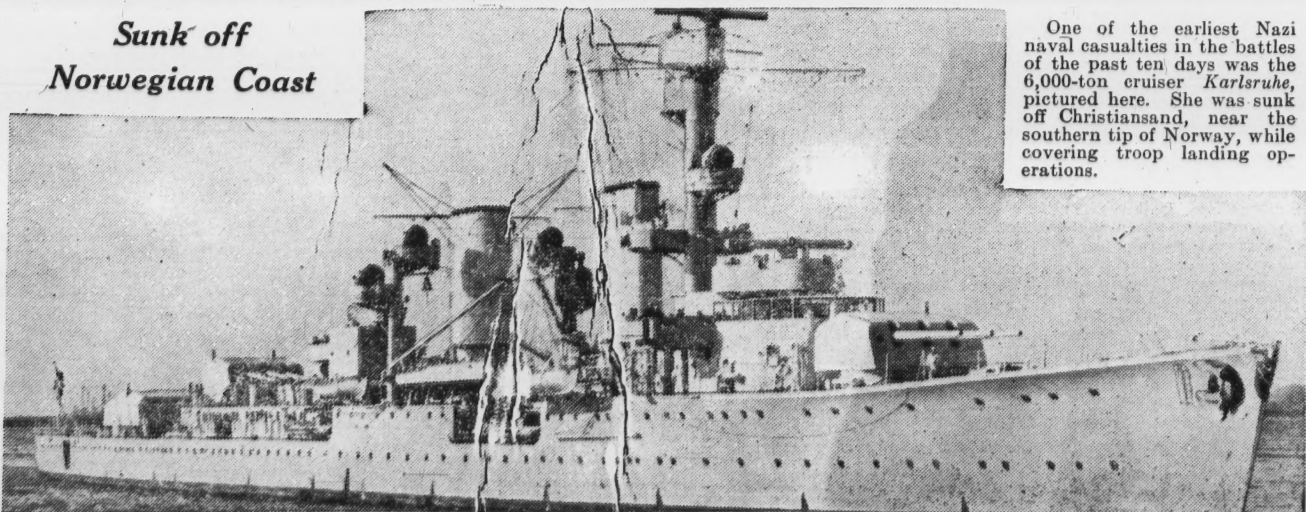


The theatre of the titanic drama of the new northern war zone which is still being enacted is indicated in the above map. The arrows show chief points of interest in the news of the past ten days from Scandinavia, where the Nazi "blitzkrieg" brought quick subjection of defenceless Denmark, but after initial successes went badly awry in Norway, thanks to the daring and

skill of the Allied naval and air actions, which have destroyed a great part of the Nazi fleet, and later, the landing of large forces of Allied troops. Narvik is now in the hands of the Allies, who have landed troops also at other points on the Norwegian coast. Trondheim, Bergen, Stavanger and other small ports, and the capital at Oslo remain, as we go to press, in Nazi hands,

as well as territory north, east and south of Oslo. British minefields have been laid in the Skagerrak, Kattégat, and from Kiel Bay to Lithuanian waters in the Baltic, to block the sea route from Germany to Scandinavia, as well as from Holland around the Danish and much of the Norwegian coast. British forces have occupied the Faroe Islands. See War Diary for detailed story.

Sunk off Norwegian Coast



One of the earliest Nazi naval casualties in the battles of the past ten days was the 6,000-ton cruiser *Karlsruhe*, pictured here. She was sunk off Christiansand, near the southern tip of Norway, while covering troop landing operations.